

# **Brookline Parking Committee**

Meeting Summary: September 8, 2008

Attendees: Bill Schwartz (At-Large, Co-Chair), Capt. Michael Gropman (Brookline Police), Steve Heikin (Housing Advisory Board), Jerry Kampler (Planning Board), Jeff Levine (Planning Department), Werner Lohe (Conservation Commission), Sean Lynn-Jones (Advisory Committee), Hugh Mattison (At-Large), Linda Pehlke (At-Large), Al Raine (EDAB), Mike Sandman (Transportation Board), Paul Saner (Zoning Bylaw Committee)

Absent: Selectmen Jesse Mermell (Co-Chair), Peter Furth (Transportation Board), Myra Trachtenberg (Zoning Bylaw Committee), Todd Kirrane (DPW Transportation Division), Hsiu-Lan Chang (Business Representative)

The second meeting of the Brookline Parking Committee was held at Town Hall on September 8, 2008 from 6-8 pm. The meeting summary from August 11 was distributed for review and comment. No comments were received.

The topic was Brookline parking requirements under the zoning by-law. In response to a request from the prior meeting, Jeff Levine, Director Planning and Community Development, distributed a summary of residential development from 2000 to 2007. He also distributed a summary of Article VI of the Zoning By-law summarizing the major points in the parking regulations from that article. Mr. Levine also prepared a poster showing photographs of several recent residential development projects.

The discussion focused on the residential requirements, overnight parking availability and costs, vehicle ownership trends, market factors, utilization levels, environmental and climate change issues, and the influence of transit on development patterns.

Because time did not permit discussion of parking requirements for commercial development, the committee scheduled this as the topic for its November meeting. The October meeting will focus on the public parking supply.